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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. Patent Application)
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YAMAMOTO et al.)
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Application No. 09/895,338) Art Unit 2179
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Filed: June 29, 2001) Examiner
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For: DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SELECTING)
ELECTROPHORESIS BAND)
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Attorney Docket No. HIRA.0047)

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

COVER LETTER

Sir:

[x] The fee for submission of claims is calculated as shown below:

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Total Claims	12	12	(Over 20)	x \$18	0
Independent Claims	4	4	¹ (Over 3)	x \$88	0
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S)				+ \$300	0
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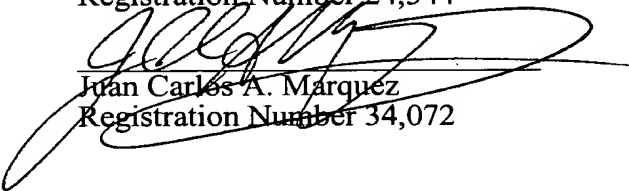
In addition, the below-identified communications are submitted in the above-captioned application or proceeding:

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on September 10, 2004, the period of response to which is set to expire on December 10, 2004. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: